

FISCAL NOTE

SJR 44

February 15, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Proposes to amend Article I of the Tennessee Constitution by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section: *The people have a right to hunt, fish, and harvest game, subject to such regulations and restrictions as prescribe by this constitution and general law. When reviewing such restrictions, a state court shall utilize a rational basis standard, as such standard has been defined by the courts through case law.*

The foregoing amendment shall be referred to the 105th General Assembly and this resolution proposing such amendment be published by the Secretary of State in accordance with Article XI, Section 3, of the Constitution of Tennessee.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$20,000 One-Time

Assumptions:

- A one-time cost of \$20,000 to the Secretary of State to print notice of the proposed amendment in certain newspapers as required by this resolution.
- Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution requires publication of the resolution before the next legislative election. This publication would occur in the spring of 2006.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

